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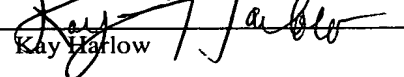
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For: SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT )  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 2, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.